

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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According to Census 2000, nearly two and a half million grandparents in the United States are heads of household with primary caregiving responsibility for more than four and a half million children under age 18 – the children of their children. This responsibility often occurs because of a sudden unfortunate event or set of circumstances involving the natural parents. It requires special coping skills for handling family crises involving three generations – themselves, their children and the grandchildren. The links in this note describe of the scope of this phenomenon, federal government benefit and foundation programs, a wide variety of information resource sites, state and cooperative extension programs and reports, policy and research articles, and legal issues for grandparents separated from grandchildren.

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Fact Sheets

A Grandparents Guide For Family Nurturing and Safety

(Consumer Product Safety Administration)

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/grand/704.html>

Public Benefits for Grandparents with Guardianship

(Generations United)

<http://www.gu.org/projg&opubbene.htm>

Legal Options for Grandparents

(Generations United)

<http://www.gu.org/projg&olegal.htm>

Financial Assistance for Grandparent Caregivers: TANF
(AARP)
<http://www.aarp.org/confacts/money/tanf.html>

Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children: Subsidized Guardianship Programs

(Generations United)

[http://www.gu.org/Files/Subsidized New 7 10 2001.pdf](http://www.gu.org/Files/Subsidized%20New%207%2010%202001.pdf)

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Where to Find Help

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/confacts/programs/grandraising.html>

Becoming the Best Grandparent Ever

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/confacts/grandparents/bestever.html>

When Your Grandchild Has an Attention Deficit Disorder

(Northern County Psychiatric Associates)

<http://www.ncpamd.com/grandchildren.htm>

Grandparents! Prevent Your Grandchildren from Being Poisoned: Safety Alert!

(Consumer Product Safety Commission)

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/5041.html>

Support Groups for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/grandparents/searchsupport/>

Healthy Ties: The Grandparent's and Other Relative Caregiver's Guide to Health Insurance for Children

(Children's Defense Fund)

http://www.childrensdefense.org/pdf/healthyties_cg.pdf

Grandparent Visitation Rights

(Grand Times)

<http://www.grandtimes.com/visit.html>

Grandbaby Proofing Your Home

<http://www.lifehome.com/artcl016.htm>

Respite Services to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(National Resource Center for Respite and Care Crisis)

<http://www.archrespice.org/archfs45.htm>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)

<http://www.aacap.org/publications/factsfam/77.htm>

Statistics

Children's Living Arrangements and Characteristics

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/p20-547.pdf>

Grandparents Living with Grandchildren: 2000

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/c2kbr-31.pdf>

Multigenerational Households for the United States, States, and for Puerto Rico: 2000

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/population/cen2000/phc-t17.pdf>

Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children – Challenges of Raising a Second Family

(Generations United)

http://www.gu.org/Files/GP_general_1-02_final.pdf

Census 2000 Tables for Grandparent-Headed Households

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/confacts/grandparents/census2000.html>

Grand Parents as Caregivers - Questions on 2000 Census

(U.S. Census Bureau)

http://www.census.gov/iqa/data/topics/grandparentsascaregivers_iqa.html

U.S. Census 2000 Data on Children in Grandparent-Maintained Households: How to Do It Yourself

(Casey Foundation)

http://www.casey.org/cnc/documents/how_to_guide_1.pdf

A Demographic Examination of Grandparent Caregivers in the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey

(University of Massachusetts – Boston)

[http://www.geront.umb.edu/_documents/Mutchler.submission to PRPR.v2.pdf](http://www.geront.umb.edu/_documents/Mutchler.submission%20to%20PRPR.v2.pdf)

Nearly 5.5 Million Children Live with Grandparents, Census Bureau Reports, July 1, 1999

<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/1999/cb99-115.html>

Grandparents and Grandchildren

(Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/grandparents.html>

Co-resident Grandparents and Their Grandchildren: Grandparent Maintained Families March 1998, Working Paper No. 26

(U.S. Census)

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/documentation/twps0026/twps0026.html>

Who's Minding the Kids? Child Care Arrangements – Spring 1997

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/p70-86.pdf>

Federal Programs and Reports

Helping Families Achieve Self-Sufficiency: A Guide On Funding Services for Children and Families through the TANF Program

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ofa/funds2.htm>

National Family Caregivers Support Program – Grants to States

(Services for grandparents age 60 and over)

(U.S. Administration on Aging)

http://www.aoa.gov/eldfam/For_Caregivers/For_Caregivers.asp

Grandparents & Other Relatives Raising Children: Characteristics, Needs, Best Practices, & Implications for the Aging Network

(U.S. Administration on Aging)

http://www.aoa.gov/prof/aoaprof/caregiver/careprof/proguidance/background/program_issues/MinklerMonograph.pdf

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren With Developmental Disabilities

(U.S. Administration on Aging)

http://www.aoa.gov/prof/aoaprof/caregiver/careprof/proguidance/background/program_issues/Fin-Heller.pdf

Kinship Foster Care - Report to Congress

(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/kinr2c00/>

Foster Care: Kinship Care Quality and Permanency Issue

(U.S. General Accounting Office)

<http://www.gao.gov/archive/1999/he99032.pdf>

Foster Grand Parent Program

(Corporation for National Service)

<http://www.seniorcorps.org/joining/fgp/index.html>

Grandparents as Parents: A Primer for Schools

(ERIC, U.S. Department of Education)

http://www.ed.gov/databases/ERIC_Digests/ed401044.html

Foundations

The Brookdale Relatives as Parents Program

(Brookdale Foundation)

<http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/rapp1.html>

National Center for Resource Family Support

Casey Family Foundation

<http://www.casey.org/cnc/>

Foundation for Grandparenting

<http://www.grandparenting.org/>

Resource Organizations

National Center on Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children

(Generations United)

<http://www.gu.org/projg&o.htm>

From the AARP Grandparent Center

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/confacts/programs/gic.html>

The Kinship Care Practice Project

(University of Illinois at Chicago)

<http://www.uic.edu/jaddams/college/kinicare/>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(Intergenerational Connections)

<http://www.nnfr.org/igen/GRG.htm>

Grandparents Resource Center

<http://www.grc4usa.org/>

GrandsPlace - Grandparents and Special Others Raising Children

<http://www.grandsplace.com/>

Grandparents Parenting . . . Again

<http://home.pacbell.net/grnyanie/grandpar.htm>

Grandparent's Web

<http://www.cyberparent.com/gran/>

Grandparentagain.com

<http://www.grandparentagain.com/>

Kinship Care

(Children of Alcoholics Foundation)

<http://www.coaf.org/kinship/kinmain.htm>

National Grandparents Day

<http://www.grandparents-day.com/>

Off Our Rockers - Grandparents Being Grandparents Again

<http://www.sonic.net/thom/oor/>

State Programs and Reports

51 State Kinship Care Factsheets

(Generations United)

<http://www.gu.org/projg&ostates.htm>

Relatives as Caregivers State Programs

(Brookdale Foundation)

<http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/rappsite.html> - STATE

Alaska

Visitation Rights of Grandparent

(Alaska Legal Research Center)

<http://www.touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/Statutes/Title25/Chapter20/Section065.htm>

Arizona

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(University of Arizona Cooperative Extension)

<http://ag.arizona.edu/grandparents/>

California

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force

(Riverside County Office on Aging)

<http://www.rcaging.org/grandparents.html>

A Profile of California Grandparents

Raising Grandchildren

(Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services)

<http://cssr.berkeley.edu/aging/pubdetails.asp?name=grandparprofile>

Colorado

Grandparents: Styles and Satisfactions

(Colorado State University Cooperative Extension)

<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/consumer/10239.pdf>

Connecticut

Grandparents as Parents Support Program

(Connecticut Department of Social Services)

<http://www.dss.state.ct.us/images/GAPSPROGRAM.PDF>

Need to ask a question about raising your grandchild?

(Connecticut Commission on Children)

http://www.cga.state.ct.us/coc/grandparents_raising_grandchildren.htm

Florida

Grandchildren

(University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service)

http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/TOPIC_Grandchildren

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (Miami)

(Informed Families Education Center)

<http://www.informedfamilies.org/grg.htm>

Georgia

Project Health Grandparents

(Georgia State University)

<http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwalh/>

Illinois

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program

(Illinois Department of Aging)

<http://www.state.il.us/aging/1intergen/grg.htm>

Kentucky

The Kentucky KinCare Project

(Office of Aging Services)

[http://chs.state.ky.us/aging/programs/Kentucky KinCare Project.htm](http://chs.state.ky.us/aging/programs/Kentucky_KinCare_Project.htm)

Louisiana

Kinship Care Subsidy Program

(Louisiana Department of Social Services)

http://www.dss.state.la.us/offofs/html/kinship_care_subsidy_program.html

Maine

Family Connections – Kinship Care

<http://www.kinshipconnections.org/>

Massachusetts

A Resource Guide for Massachusetts' Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs)

http://www.800ageinfo.com/info/documentsnew/FinalResourceGuide_9_10_01.pdf

The GrandFamilies House

(American Friends Service Committee)

<http://www.afsc.org/pwork/0399/039902.htm>

Michigan

Relative Care Provider Requirements

(Michigan Family Independence Agency)

http://www.michigan.gov/fia/0,1607,7-124-5453_5529_7148-15293--,00.html

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program

(Macomb County Senior Services)

http://www.co.macomb.mi.us/seniorservices/gpprogrm/grg_prg_homepg.htm

Minnesota

Grandparent To Grandparent

(Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)

<http://www.pacer.org/parent/grand.htm>

Missouri

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A Resource Guide for Professionals

(ParentLink, University of Missouri-Columbia)

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fcs/nnfr/grandman/>

New Hampshire

A Growing Issue.... Raising your children's children Grandparents as Parents

(The Salem Family Resource Center)

<http://www.atc.unh.edu/~fisk/Grandparents.html>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Need Support from Schools

(University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension)

<http://ceinfo.unh.edu/Common/Documents/gsc10899.htm>

New York

Grandparents and Relatives Raising Children

(New York Department for the Aging)

<http://aging.state.ny.us/caring/grandparents/index.htm>

Relatives as Caregivers Resource Guide for Erie County

(Erie County Department of Senior Services)

<http://www.erie.gov/depts/seniorservices/rac/>

North Dakota

When Grandparents Become Parents to Their Grandchildren

(North Dakota State University Extension Service)

<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extpubs/yf/famsci/fs561w.htm>

Ohio

Grandparents as Parents Again

(Ohio State University Extension)

<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~ohioline/ss-fact/0157.html>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(Ohio State University Extension)

<http://ohioline.ag.ohio-state.edu/flm97/fs05.html>

Grandparents/Grandchildren Initiative

(Wright State University)

<http://www.med.wright.edu/chc/Initiatives/gpgci.html>

Pennsylvania

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(Penn State University Cooperative Extension)

<http://intergenerational.cas.psu.edu/grg.html>

Texas

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

(Texas Cooperative Extension)

<http://fcs.tamu.edu/pfp/grandparents/>

Virginia

Information for Grandparents

(Virginia Department for the Aging)

<http://www.aging.state.va.us/grandparents.htm>

Grandparent Raising Grandchildren: Rights and Responsibilities

(Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension)

<http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/gerontology/350-255/350-255.html>

Wisconsin

Kinship Care Program Overview

(Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services)

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/children/Kinship/Index.htm>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Partnership of Wisconsin

(University of Wisconsin Extension)

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/grgp/web.html>

Legal Issues

Comparison of Grandparent Visitation Rights: State by State (AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/litigation/table.html>

Troxel vs. Granville

Landmark Supreme Court ruling on visitation rights

<http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/99-138.ZS.html>

Grandparent Visitation Rights

(ElderLawAnswers)

http://www.elderlawanswers.com/test2_new.asp?menuitem=Grandchildren

Grandparent Caregiver Law Center

(Brookdale Center on Aging)

<http://www.brookdale.org/gpc/index.html>

Grandparent Issues

(Divorce Source.Com)

<http://www.divorcesource.com/info/grandparents/grandparents.shtml>

Grandparents Rights Center

<http://www.grandparentsrights.com/>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Legal and Policy Issues Video Conference

(University of Wisconsin-Extension)

<http://www.uwex.edu/grg/>

Research Studies

Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children: Support in the Workplace (September 2002)

Generations United)

<http://www.gu.org/Files/Support-in-Workplace-FS-final.pdf>

Lean on Me: Support and Minority Outreach for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (2003)

(Research Center, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/general/gp_2003.html

California' Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: What the Aging Network Needs to Know as it Implements the National Family Caregiver Support Program

(Center for Social Services Research, University of California at Berkeley)

<http://cssr.berkeley.edu/aging/pubdetails.asp?name=grandparents>

Grandparent Study 2002 Report

(AARP Grandparent Information Center)

http://research.aarp.org/general/gp_2002_1.html

After Welfare Reform: How Are Grandparent Caregivers Managing?

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/grandparents/gpwelfarereform.html>

Family Policies or Foster Care? How State Policies Affect Kinship Caregivers

(Urban Institute)

http://newfederalism.urban.org/html/anf_34.html

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - Implications for Professionals and Agencies

(University of Wisconsin Extension)

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/gprg/gprg.html>

Grandparents Caring for Grandchildren What Do We Know?

(RAND)

<http://www.rand.org/publications/RB/RB5030/>

Grandparent/Parent Research Project

<http://www.grandparents-parents.com/>

Formal and Informal Kinship Care

(Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Administration on Aging)

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/cyp/xskincar.htm>

Other Countries

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust [New Zealand]

<http://www.raisinggrandchildren.org.nz/>

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